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DRAFT OF NEW BASIC DEFENSE AGREEMENT

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1. GREEK PROPOSALS FOR A NEW AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD
REPLACE THE 1953 MFA, 1956 BILATERAL SOFA AND VARIOUS
OTHER AGREEMENTS IS SET FORTH BEGINNING IN PARA 2 BELOW. WE WILL
ANALYZE THIS IN MOR DETAIL IN SUBSEQUENT TELEGRAMS, BUT
OUR INITIAL IMPRESSION IS THAT THIS IS A SKETCHY AND
POORLY-CONCEIVED PRESENTATION OF CERTAIN GENERAL

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PRINCIPLES, DESIGNED TO STIMULATE US TO BE FORTHCOMING

ON ISSUES OF CONCERN TO THE GOG, AND TO PROVIDE A FRAME-
WORK FOR A NEW BASIC AGREEMENT AS FAVORABLE AS POSSIBLE
TO GREEK INTERESTS. THE GREEK NEGOTIATORS HAVE SAID
REPEATEDLY THAT THEY WOULD WELCOME OUR COMMENTS OR
COUNTER-PROPOSALS, SO THAT WE REGARD THE GREEK DRAFT AS
A STATEMENT OF THE MAXIMUM GREEK POSITION ON THE VARIOUS
ASPECTS OF THE US PRESENCE. WE FURTHER INTERPRET THE
DRAFT AS AN EARNEST OF THE GREEK INTENTION TO PRODUCE
A NEW AGREEMENT, A POSITION TO WHICH THEY HAVE ADHERED
IN BOTH ROUNDS.

2. BASIC AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF GREECE AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE USA FOR THE PROMOTION OF COMMON
DEFENSE PURPOSES - THE GOVERNMENTS OF GREECE AND THE US,
CONSIDERING:

-THE DECISION OF GREECE ON AUGUST 14, 1974 CONCERNING
WITHDRAWAL FROM THE MILITARY ASPECT OF THE ATLANTIC
ALLIANCE,
-ARTICLES 3 AND 5 OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY OF APRIL 4,
1949 TO WHICH THESE TWO COUNTRIES ARE CONTRACTING PARTIES,
-THE COMMON DESIRE WHICH DIRECTS THEIR COOPERATION
CONCERNING MORE EFFECTIVE DEFENSE,
AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES:

3. ARTICLE 1

(1) THE INSTALLATIONS AND FACILITIES ON GREEK SOIL
GRANTED FOR THE USE OF THE US ARMED FORCES, AS LISTED IN
ANNEX 1 OF THIS AGREEMENT, COMPOSE AN INSEPARABLE PART
OF GREEK SOVEREIGNTY AND BELONG UNDER GREEK JURISDICTION.

(2) A GREEK OFFICER WITH THE TITLE "GREEK COMMANDER"
WILL BE LOCATED ON EACH OF THE ABOVE INSTALLATIONS AND
FACILITIES TOGETHER WITH THE ESSENTIAL PERSONNEL WHOSE
GENERAL AND SPECIAL DUTIES WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE
SPECIAL TECHNICAL ARRANGEMENTS FORESEEN IN PARAGRAPH 3
OF THIS ARTICLE.

(3) MATTERS RELATING TO THE MANNING, COMMAND,
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FUNCTIONING, SECURITY, ACTIVITY, COOPERATION AND COMMON
USE OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED INSTALLATIONS AND FACILITIES
WILL BE DETERMINED IN DETAIL BY SPECIAL TECHNICAL
ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WILL BE DETERMINED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
WITHIN A TIME LIMIT OF.....FROM THE DATE OF SIGNING
OF THE PRESENT AGREEMENT.

4. ARTICLE 2 - NO NEW INSTALLATION OR EXTENSION OR

TRANSFER OR CHANGE OF MISSION OF THE INSTALLATIONS AND FACILITIES MENTIONED IN ARTICLE I, PARAGRAPH 1, IS HERE-AFTER POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE PRIOR WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE GREEK GOVERNMENT.

5. ARTICLE 3 - ECONOMIC ARRANGEMENTS CONCERNING THE EXPENSES OF INSTALLATION, FUNCTIONING AND MAINTENANCE OF THE ABOVE INSTALLATIONS AND FACILITIES AS WELL AS THE PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO THEM WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE SPECIAL AND TECHNICAL ARRANGEMENTS FORESEEN IN ARTICLE I.

6. ARTICLE 4 - THE US ARMED FORCES AND US WARSHIPS AND AIRCRAFT UTILIZING THE INSTALLATIONS AND FACILITIES MENTIONED IN ARTICLE I, PARAGRAPH 1, OF THE PRESENT AGREEMENT MAY ENTER, EXIT, CIRCLE, FLY OVER GREECE AND ITS TERRITORIAL WATERS UNDER RESERVATIONS TO BE DETERMINED IN THE SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS IN ARTICLE I, PARAGRAPH 3. THE AFOREMENTIONED SHIPS AND PLANES ARE EXEMPTED FROM ANY TAXES AND DUTIES EXCEPT THOSE CHARGES WHICH MUST BE PAID AS COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED.

7. ARTICLE 5

(1) THE EXPENSES OF A CONTRIBUTING MEMBER FOR MOVABLE PROPERTY (INSTALLATIONS, MACHINERY, MATERIAL AND SUPPLIES) LOCATED AT THE ABOVE INSTALLATIONS AND FACILITIES WILL REMAIN THE PROPERTY OF THE CONTRIBUTING STATE. THE MOVABLE PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE US MAY BE REMOVED FROM GREECE AS FORESEEN IN THE APPROPRIATE TECHNICAL ARRANGEMENT, ON THE CONDITION THAT MOVABLE PROPERTY SO REMOVED DOES NOT PREJUDICE UNFAVORABLY THE COMMON DEFENSE PURPOSES UNDER THE PRESENT AGREEMENT AS DECLARED IN EACH CASE BY THE TWO MEMBERS. IN THE EVENT OF TERMINATION OF A PARTICULAR TECHNICAL AGREEMENT, THE ABOVE-MENTIONED
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MOVABLE PROPERTY WHICH HAS NOT BEEN REMOVED WITHIN THREE MONTHS WILL COME AUTOMATICALLY AND WITHOUT INDEMNITY UNDER THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE GREEK NATION.

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(2) THE EXPENSES OF THE UNITED STATES GOVT IN
THE ABOVE INSTALLATIONS AND FACILITIES SEPENT ON
IMMOVABLE INSTALLATIONS WILL IN THE CASE OF ABANDONMENT
BY THE US OR TERMINATION OF THE PARTICULAR
TECHNICAL ARRANGEMENT REVERT AUTOMATICALLY TO THE GREEK
PEOPLE WITHOUT THE PAYING OF INDEMNITY FOR THE RESIDUAL
VALUE.

(3) CONSTRUCTION WORK ON THE INSTALLATIONS AND
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FACILITIES AT THE EXPENSE OF THE US WILL BE
SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATE GREEK CONTROL EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE
DETERMINED BY SPECIAL AGREEMENT.

8. ARTICLE 6 - THE ARMED FORCES OF THE US IN
THE FRAMEWORK OF MUTUAL COOPERATION OF THE TWO COUNTRIES

TOWARDS THE PROMOTION OF COMMON DEFENSE GOALS WILL GRANT EVERY POSSIBLE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, SUPPORT AND TRAINING TO THE GREEK ARMED FORCES. THE DETAILS WILL BE REGULATED IN EACH CASE BY THE APPROPRIATE GREEK AND AMERICAN AUTHORITIES.

9. ARTICLE 7 - THE INSTALLATIONS AND FACILITIES MENTIONED IN ART I, PARA 1, MAY BE USED EXCLUSIVELY AND ONLY WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE GOALS OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ALLIANCE AND AFTER CONSULTATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. IN CASE OF THREAT OF ATTACK OR ARMED ENGAGEMENT INVOLVING GREECE BUT NOT THE US, THE GREEK GOVT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ASSUME TEMPORARILY THE FULL OR PARTIAL CONTROL AND USE OF THE ABOVE INSTALLATIONS AND FACILITIES.

10. ARTICLE 8 - THE LEGAL STATUS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE US FORCES IN GREECE, OF THE CIVILIAN PERSONNEL AND OF THEIR DEPENDENTS WILL BE GOVERNED HENCEFORTH EXCLUSIVELY UNDER THE JUNE 19, 1951 AGREEMENT SIGNED IN LONDON BETWEEN THE MEMBER NATIONS OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION CONCERNING THE LEGAL STATUS OF FORCES.

11. ART 9 - THE AGREEMENT OF JUN 19, 1951 BETWEEN THE MEMBER NATIONS OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGAN. CONCERNING THE LEGAL STATUS OF FORCES WILL BE APPLIED ALSO TO THOSE US PERSONNEL SERVING IN GREECE NOW COMING UNDER THE FOLLOWING AGREEMENTS: THE AID AGREEMENT OF JUN 20, 1947, THE AID AGREEMENT OF JUL 8, 1947, THE ECONOMIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT OF JULY 2, 1948, THE AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE OPERATION OF THE RADIO STATION IN THESSALONIKI OF AUG 12, 1949, AS WELL AS THE PROVISIONS OF OTHER ANALOGOUS OR SPECIAL AGREEMENTS WHICH CONCERN IMMUNITIES, PRIVILEGES AND EXEMPTIONS, WHICH ARE HEREBY ABOLISHED.

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12. ART 10.

(1) MATTERS CONCERNING INDEMNIFICATION AS A RESULT OF DAMAGES CAUSED, LOSSES OR DAMAGES TO PROPERTY OR INJURIES TO OR DEATH OF PERSONNEL OF EITHER OF THE CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS OR OF A THIRD PARTY WHICH ARE CAUSED BY THE APPLICATION OF THE PRESENT AGREEMENT WILL BE REGULATED BY THE AFOREMENTIONED TECHNICAL ARRANGEMENTS.

(2) GREEK EMPLOYEES AND WORKERS MAY BE HIRED AT THE COMMON INSTALLATIONS AND FACILITIES. IN SUCH CASE GREEK LABOR LAW WILL BE APPLIED EXCLUSIVELY. THE GREEK EMPLOYEES AND WORKERS SO HIRED WILL BE DETERMINED BY

SPECIAL TECHNICAL AGREEMENT WHICH WILL BE PREPARED BY THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES OF THE TWO COUNTRIES WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME.

13. ARTICLE 11 - BY THE PRESENT AGREEMENT, THE FOLLOWING AGREEMENTS ARE CANCELLED: THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT OF FEB 4, 1953; THE MILITARY FACILITIES AGREEMENT OF OCT 12, 1953, WITH ALL OF ITS ANNEXES; AS WELL AS ALL THE AGREEMENTS EMANATING FROM THESE CONCERNING INSTALLATIONS AND FACILITIES NOT INCLUDED IN ANNEX 1 OF THE PRESENT AGREEMENT, AS WELL AS THE AGREEMENT OF SEP 7, 1956 CONCERNING THE STATUS OF FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES AND GREECE, AND THE TECHNICAL AGREEMENT OF JAN 8, 1973 CONCERNING THE GRANTING OF HOMEPORTING FACILITIES.

14. ARTICLE 12

(1) THE PRESENT AGREEMENT WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON THE DATE OF SIGNATURE AND WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT AS LONG AS THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ALLIANCE CONTINUES TO REMAIN IN EFFECT.

(2) THE PRESENT AGREEMENT MAY BE REVISED GENERALLY OR IN PART OR AMENDED AFTER THE APPLICATION OF ONE OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES.

(3) EACH CONTRACTING PARTY, IN THE EVENT IT BELIEVES
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THAT THE OTHER IS NOT MAINTAINING THE ARTICLES OF THE PRESENT AGREEMENT OR IS IN SUBSTANTIAL VIOLATION OF THESE ARTICLES, HAS THE RIGHT TO CHARGE THIS FACT AND TO DENOUNCE THE AGREEMENT, WHEREUPON THE AGREEMENT WOULD TERMINATE THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE DENUNCIATION.
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